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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

Thomas G. Woolston

Application No.: 09/253,014

Filed: February 19, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FACILITATING ELECTRONIC  
COMMERCE THROUGH INTERNET  
AUCTIONS (*as amended*)



Group Art Unit: 2763

Examiner: D. Smith

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 7, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE**

Please amend the title to read —CONDUCTING AUCTIONS ON THE INTERNET—.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 26-32, 56-63 and 100-132 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**ELECTION**

In response to the restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner, applicant elects Group I, which includes claims 11-25, 33-55, 64-99 and 133-147. The Examiner is reminded that, during the personal interview held July 26, 2000, between John Phillips (Reg. No. 35,322) and Examiners Teska and Smith, it was agreed that the Examiner would act on the merits of the Amendment filed March 30, 2000, immediately upon receiving this response. The Examiner is